

**St. Johns Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 11th 7:00 p.m. St. Johns Community Center  
Minutes by Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Secretary**

Board Members present: Jen Levy, Justin Sundling, Ben Poe, Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Adam Robins, Joe Adamski, David Green and Shamus Lynsky. Fourteen citizens were in attendance.

7:08 pm- The meeting is called to order. Introductions are given, names only.

Joe moves to approve the July 2014 Minutes as written, David seconds, there is unanimous voice approval.

Roosevelt Cluster principals-

- a. Filip Hristić- new RHS principal- First focus is to listen and to learn. Encourages meetings, feedback (good and bad) and communication.
- b. Dana Nerenberg- new Sitton principal- Dana moved to Portland one month ago. She's been learning about Sitton and the community. The school focus is reading.
- c. Beth Shelby- James John Elementary- There is continued growth at the school. Applying AVID, which is a program to prepare students for careers/college. Example: Cornell notes. There is some Spanish immersion. James John is currently under construction, the project includes seismic updates.
- d. Ben Keefer- George MS- STEM money will be applied to George; school is currently working on implementing restorative justice which is less discipline and more about repair/resolution.

Jen asks the group to connect with the principals, to invite them to events, to foster open communication.

Shamus- (question directed to Filip) as someone who's been following the RHS redesign, what is your experience? Also, is there an avenue to connect/meet with you? Answer- The former RHS principle is presiding over the RHS area; this was a factor in his joining RHS. Filip has worked in K-8 for the last 3 years. A small school in Newberg for 4 years, and prior to that he was in Boston. On Wednesday, there will be a "welcome back" letter with a link for feedback to his action plan. There will also be monthly PTA meetings. Families are encouraged to contact his secretary for individual meetings.

Shamus- the RHS catchment area is small, although growing; it would be good to engage others who are opting out of RHS. Filip- The current "catch" is about 48% of eligible students. It is the opposite of his previous experience, which had 250 applications for 50 spots. Filip believes communication is key.

Treasury Update- Adam. No changes, although a few Winter Social charges will be clearing soon. Jen announces Jason's departure, treasury items are in transition.

Land Use & SJNA Bylaws Update- David. There is a new map app re: new Portland comprehensive plan. There are areas to comment. Locally there have been a few zone changes- mostly on Lombard, and business related, such as a zero lot line to encourage more walk up business.

A New Seasons will be arriving soon, just across the cut.

Jen- Kevin Cavanaugh of 2/3rds development (across from Brekken's) slated to break ground soon... within the next month or so.

Rumor has it that the Jower's Building may be purchased soon, no official details.

David- Demolitions in 1996 were 276, we are set to hit 300 this year (many are becoming 2 homes per lot)... it is Land-use solutions for infill. Better laws for notifications (lead, asbestos, etc.) should be forthcoming.

Ben- What is happening at the building across from West Coast Fitness and E&M? Answer- the building is being improved; there will be an outdoor gym space (the building is owned by West Coast Fitness).

ODOT Update, Jen- Burr, Polk & Tyler pedestrian updates are slated to begin this fall, the project went to bid last week.

Shamus- the Pier Park Path Project is set to be completed by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, before the school year begins.

David- Re: our SJNA by-laws, should we work grievance committees into our by-laws? Or Share neighborhood resources (such as Resolutions NW)? -We will discuss at our board meeting.

Occupy update- Ben. Occupy is regrouping after their loss. As for the creation of an annual town hall re: North Portland environmental issues, Donna (who passed) was the point-person, so it is uncertain if the town hall will be put together for this fall. Other projects include fighting the privatization of the US Postal Service. Occupy meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, at 7pm at Anna Bananas St. Johns.

Occupy strives to be a local resource for local issues/concerns.

SALT Update- Ben and Babs. The last meeting, the first held at the St. Johns Library, had zero attendees. Hoping to get the word out and see improved participation going forward. SALT is the Safety and Livability Team; discusses items like local property crime, traffic concerns, neighborhood watch/block parties, emergency preparedness and more. Open to the concerns of the residents.

Roosevelt Update- Adam. Carrying forward from the July RHS/STEM concerns, Adam and Donna will be making statements regarding the integration of STEM space (side by side, one space) at the next PPS meeting. Adam asks for experience in architecture, engineering, STEM and education (experts) to participate in making statements. Contact Adam ASAP.

Board updates. Jason Moos and resigned. October will be the election. Please consider joining the board! Feel free to email us with questions. We are looking for at least two new members. Especially looking for someone with secretary skills as Crystal will be stepping down. Jen is happy to meet with individuals who are interested or who would like to learn more, ask for info, etc.

NoFest 2014- September 6th. Starts at noon in the town square! There will be music and a beer garden. There are no street closures planned, that we're aware of.

Cindy at PAW, Portland Animal Welfare Team- PAW offers free vet care to homeless, fixed income, section 8, and poverty/transition/low income people. Located at 27<sup>th</sup> and Front (2700 NW Front Ave, Bldg. J), there is a monthly clinic (the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month). The organization has been around since 1999, there are about 800 current clients; it is a non-profit group with 3 staff and a number of volunteers. It operates as first come, first served, there is a means test and more information can be found online at pawteam.org. The office is open 5 days a week even though the vet is only onsite on day per month. Contact to be pre-qualified/pre-screened (which helps to minimize wait times). All animals must be spayed/neutered. \$5 optional co-pay once approved. The group doesn't do surgery or trauma cases, but will complete vet exams, vaccinations, flea control, and minor treatments. All medications, food and supplies are provided at no cost. All items distributed are donated- please donate if you can, there are drop-off spots at local sites. Also, the group is always seeking volunteers.... Everything from data entry to graphic design and more. The group holds outreach clinics as well; there will be one on September 7<sup>th</sup> during Potluck in the Park (downtown). Question- are there any outreach clinics in St. Johns? Answer- not yet, but there could be.

#### Announcements-

This Thursday night, Portland Parks and Rec is holding a movie in the park here at the St. Johns Community Center, Hunger Games: Catching Fire.

Tri-met is seeking feedback for stops, routes, service and such. They have both paper and electronic surveys. Visit [trimet.org/future](http://trimet.org/future)

David- there is a 10 week transportation class through PSU that will begin soon, it is free (paid for by the City of Portland- funded by a grant via PBOT), and it is a great opportunity to learn more and to network. It will be offered on Thursday nights, starting in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.